ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

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YAKUTAT COMMERCIAL SET GILLNET OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

Yakutat...The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced the following information concerning the Yakutat Area commercial set gillnet fishery:

Alsek River: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 26 through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 29.

East River: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 26 through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 29.

<u>Dangerous River</u>: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 26 through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 29.

Akwe River: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 26 through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 20

Lost River: will remain closed until further notice.

<u>Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet</u>: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 26 through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 29. Commercial set gillnet fishing will be prohibited along the north bank of the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet between two Alaska Department of Fish and Game markers located approximately 500 yards above the eastern most channel and 500 yards below the western most channel from the confluence of the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and the Lost River.

<u>Yakutat Bay</u>: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 26 through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 29.

Manby Shore-Outside Waters: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 26 through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 29.

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Remainder of the Yakutat District, including Yana and Yahtse Rivers: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 26 through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 29.

Remainder of the Yakataga District, including the Kaliakh River: will be open from 9:00 a.m., Sunday, August 26 through 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 29.

<u>Tsiu River</u>: will be open from 9:00 a.m., Sunday, August 26 to 9:00 a.m., Monday, August 27, and from 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 28 to 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 29. The placement of regulatory markers to close a portion of the river upstream will be determined on the fishing grounds prior to the fishery based on the distribution of fish in the lower river.

<u>Subsistence Fishery</u>: From the beginning of the commercial salmon net season through the end of the commercial salmon net season the weekly subsistence fishing period is from 6:00 a.m. Friday to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, unless extended by emergency order. This applies to each river and bay fishery individually.

The emergency order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1Y2412.

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